

MANY APPROVING AERO COAST GUARD Indorse Plan as an Important Move in Preparedness Agitation.

MAKING EXPERIMENTS NEAR NEWPORT NEWS

Officers Are Assigned to Aid in Studying Methods to Show Practicability of Service.

Many indorsements are being given to the project for an aerial fleet to be operated under the coast guard for protection of life and property at sea as a natural evolution of coast guard activities, and as a measure of preparedness for coast defense in spying out an enemy approaching by land or air in time of war.

The preparedness advocates, those who are promoting the science of aviation, makers of airships, ship owners who seek an increase in the protection afforded by the coast guard for their properties and the men employed on ships, wireless men, men who by practical men and scientists, officials of the government and especially the rank and file of the coast guard have displayed an interest that finds expression in offers of the use of devices and of instruments in practical suggestion and in hearty indorsement.

At the aviation student camp of Glen Curtiss, maintained near Newport News, Va., from on Hampton roads, preparations are being made for experiments to demonstrate the relations of aviation to coast guard work. It is expected that there will be a great extension of the usefulness of the coast guard in the application of the science of flying to its activities. This is perhaps the most important offer of co-operation.

Veteran Aeronaut in Charge.

Capt. Baldwin, veteran aeronaut, is in charge of this student camp. With the consent and active aid of Curtiss he is assembling paraphernalia and devices necessary for the experiment. Already a wonderful and tremendous seaboard has been sent to Newport News for the experiments. A gyroscopic compass has been offered the use of its drift compass and the use of its wireless apparatus, another essential to a tryout. Third Lieut. Elmer F. Stone of the Onondaga has been assigned to the experiment and to lend his knowledge of navigation to the experiments. But Mr. Stone had his orders revoked for a greater opportunity, and with Second Lieutenant of Engineers Charles Edward Suggden of the Annapolis, he is ordered to Annapolis to take the aviation course in the navy school at that place.

Interest of Capt. Chiswell.

All this has been arranged without cost to the government. And to the personal enthusiasm of Capt. Benjamin M. Chiswell, commanding the Onondaga, is given the credit not only for developing the idea of these experiments and enthralling the different factors, but also for inducing the consent of the Secretary of the Navy to the assignment of two coast guard officers at the Pensacola school; for obtaining the approval and consent of the admiral; for the development of the detail of such officers to the Navy Aviation School, and for the propaganda which has developed a plan for an aerial fleet of the coast guard, as presented to Congress in the bill recently introduced by Representative Andrew J. Montague of Virginia.

For a time all seemed sluggish to bring about his hopes. Then his own enthusiasm became infected. The result is that in a recent personal letter he writes: "Things are tumbling over me and have about got me bowled over. Stone's detail to Newport News was a delightful piece of news, and his promotion to Pensacola also most pleasing. But the latter leaves a hole at Newport News that should be filled as soon as possible. Most important."

Second Lieutenant of Engineers Hall had noted that time being designated to succeed to the duty. It was in response to these representations of Capt. Chiswell that the substitute assignment was made, the very same day that his letter was received in Washington. Capt. Chiswell proceeded, in his letter, to explain the situation in the aviation camp.

Baldwin Boat Almost Ready.

"Baldwin has got his boat almost ready. Sperry is clamoring for permission to install his drift compass and wireless. The only missing link in this perfect chain is a coast guard officer who understands wireless and navigation. Baldwin has no one who understands either. Daily telegrams are passing between Baldwin and Sperry. Baldwin is tearing his hair and begging for somebody."

SHIP PROBABLY ABANDONED.

Japanese Steamer Chiyu Maru Stranded Off Lema Islands. HONGKONG, April 2.—Stranded in a storm off the Lema Islands, twenty miles south of Hongkong, the Japanese steamship Chiyu Maru, whose 225 passengers, mostly Americans, were rescued by a British warship, now is believed to have been abandoned by her crew.

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FRENCH PRISONERS. CAPTURED NEAR VERDUN. START FOR GERMAN CAMP



Notes eighty-six instances of reports received by his vessel, the cutter Onondaga, stationed at Norfolk, of vessels in distress, derelicts, obstructions to navigation, etc., during the twelve months ending December 1 last. He then proceeds to make observations on the conditions represented by these reports, with special reference to possible assistance from aerial scouts. He concludes:

SIX MORE SHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM The British Steamers Perth, Achilles, Ashburton and Gold-Mouth in List.

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POINCARÉ HAS ADOPTED SEMI-MILITARY ATTIRE

PARIS, March 28.—President Poincaré has added to the prestige of the new helmet of the French army by wearing it in his frequent visits to the front line trenches. The president has gradually modified the costume he has worn since the beginning of his visit until, with the Adrian helmet, his dark blue hunting suit, knickerbockers and leggings, he is so easily mistaken for an officer that he passes through the trenches almost unrecognized. When he speaks to the troopers the latter, in doubt as to his rank in the absence of stripes or stars, address him often as "general," which, it is said, does not appear to displease him.

STEAMSHIP PERTH SUNK

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ASHBURTON ALSO LOST

The British steamship Ashburton has been sunk by shrapnel shells fired by a German submarine. Five members of the crew have been taken to a hospital. The vessel, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company, was not armed.

GOLD-MOUTH DESTROYED

The British steamer Gold-Mouth has been sunk and her crew, two members of which suffering from injuries, was landed at Penzance, says a Lloyd's dispatch from that place dated Saturday. The Goldmouth was of 7,446 gross tons. She was 471 feet long and was owned by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company of London. She probably was in the government service. Latest shipping records give her sailing from

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CONDITIONS IN EUROPE SUBJECT OF ADDRESS

National Conference of Charities and Corrections to Hear Description of War Zones.

CHICAGO, April 2.—First-hand information of conditions in the European countries now at war will be given the forty-third annual meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections at Indianapolis, May 10 to 17, according to an announcement made by W. T. Cross, general secretary of the organization. Ernest P. Bicknell, director of civilian relief of the American Red Cross, has accepted an invitation to speak at the conference and will deliver an address at the opening session on the evening of May 10, on the subject of war relief.

Visits Main War Fronts.

Mr. Bicknell visited all the main war fronts in Europe in supervising the distribution of American contributions for the war sufferers. He was in Belgium a few months after the opening of hostilities and later passed through both the Russian and German lines on the east front in an effort to provide relief for the Polish war victims. On several occasions he went close to the firing lines, and was able to observe conditions in regions where the contending armies had recently passed.

Other Prominent Speakers.

A number of other speakers of national prominence in their fields will be Thomas Mott Osborne, former warden of Sing Sing prison, N. Y., widely known as a lecturer on prison discipline; Arthur Woods, police commissioner of New York; John Finley, New York state commissioner of education; Mrs. Florence Kelley, general secretary of the National Consumers' League; and John P. Gavit, managing editor of the New York Evening Post.

MIDSHIPMAN NORTHERN DEAD.

Appendicitis Ends Life of North Carolinian at Annapolis.

Special Dispatch to The Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 3.—Midshipman Philip Lumsden Northern, Jr., of Snowden, N. C., member of the first class, died at the Naval Hospital here following an operation for a chronic attack of appendicitis performed a few days ago. Peritonitis developed and hastened his death. He was a very proficient student, standing among the first forty of his class, which has a membership of nearly 200. He was the son of P. L. Northern of Snowden, and was appointed to the academy from North Carolina, entering in the spring of 1912.

ENGINEER HESS DISMISSED.

New York Central Lets Out Man Blamed for Wreck.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 3.—Engineer Herman Hess has been dismissed by the New York Central railroad as a result of the wreck Wednesday at Amherst. He is held responsible for the disaster by the railroad. Towerman Albert Ernest, one of the chief witnesses at the federal and state inquiry into the accident, will be retained, as will Flagman Perry Beach, exonerated by General Superintendent A. S. Ingalls from the charge that he did not properly flag Hess' train.

BRITISH DESTROY TWO SMYRNA COAST FORTS

LONDON, April 3.—Forts St. George and Sanjak, as well as the other coastal defenses of Smyrna, were destroyed Friday in a three hours' bombardment by a British warship, says a dispatch to the Times from Saloniki. The Turks did not reply to the fire of the warship. Sanjak is the chief work commanding the entrance to Smyrna harbor. St. George is about three miles to the southeast.

THE COURTS.

United States Court of Claims.

Chief Justice Edward K. Campbell, Judge Panton W. Booth, Judge Samuel S. Barney, Judge George W. Atkinson and Judge George E. Downey, U. S. S. A. Laughlin, U. S. District Court, dismissed. A. N. Rosenberg, U. S. District Court, dismissed. A. N. Rosenberg, U. S. District Court, dismissed. A. N. Rosenberg, U. S. District Court, dismissed.

Court of Appeals.

Present: The Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Robb and Mr. Justice Van Orsdel. William P. Pennell was admitted to practice. No. 2942. Burger, U. S. District Court, dismissed. No. 2943. Ambrose, U. S. District Court, dismissed.

SOUTHERN EXPRESS CO. OWNED BY THE ADAMS

Latter Corporation Acquires Controlling Interest in Former—No Change in Management.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Controlling interest in the Southern Express Company has been acquired by the Adams Express Company. It was officially announced here last night. It was said in the announcement that there would be no change in the management. Morton F. Plant remaining chairman of the

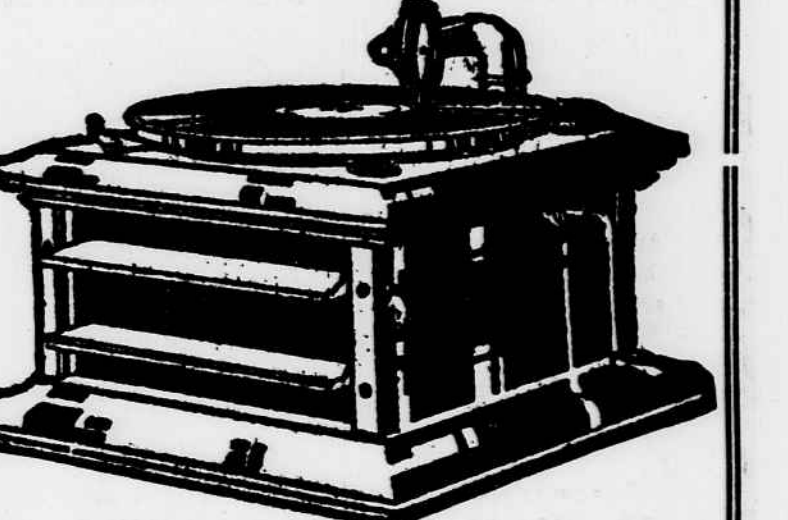
board of directors, T. W. Leary continuing as president and E. M. Williams vice president. President W. M. Barrett of the Adams Express Company, in announcing the transfer, said that his company had been the second largest owner of the Southern Express Company for more than fifty years. E. M. Williams, vice president of the Southern Express Company, said today he knew nothing about the reported removal of the company's headquarters from Chattanooga to Cincinnati. "Then you say you have a model husband?" "Quite. Since we have been married he has never given the neighbors a moment's anxiety."—Kansas City Journal.



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